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## SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## GOOD EVENING LADIES AND GENTLEMAN

MY NAME IS PETE BARDESON AND I AM THE BUSINESS MANAGER FOR THE LABORERS UNION LOCAL 620 FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA. WE ARE BASED OUT OF SIOUX FALLS.

THIS PIPELINE PROJECT WILL BE BENEFICIAL IN MANY WAYS FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

#1 THIS PROJECT WILL EMPLOY BETWEEN 100 – 150 SOUTH DAKOTAN LABORERS TO MAN AND COMPLETE THIS PROJECT.

THESE ARE GOOD PAYING JOBS THAT WILL ALSO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE, PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION CARDS, DENTAL AND OPTICAL INSURANCE ALONG WITH A \$10,000.00 DEATH BENEFIT AND A PENSION PLAN AT NO COST TO THE WORKERS. THESE BENEFITS NOT ONLY COVER THE WORKER BUT ALSO THE SPOUSE AND CHILDREN. THERE IS ALSO DAILY TRAVEL PAY ON THIS PROJECT.

#2 THIS PIPELINE PROJECT WILL BRING IN A
SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF REVENUE FOR BUSINESS
OWNERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA.
I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MENTION THAT MOST OF THE
SUPPLYS AND MATERIALS NEEDED WILL BE
PURCHASED LOCALLY.

WE FEEL THIS IS A WIN WIN SITUATION FOR SOUTH DAKOTA WORKERS, BUSINESS'S AND LANDOWNERS INVOLVED.